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Coronation Square, Wairoa

Late Report

Ordinary Council Meeting

27 May 2025

MEMBERSHIP: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little, Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare, Cr Jeremy Harker, Cr Melissa Kaimoana, Cr Chaans Tumataroa-Clarke, Cr Benita Cairns, Cr Roslyn Thomas

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8 GENERAL ITEM

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Appendices: Nil

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek Council approval to delegate the authority to temporarily close roads.

RECOMMENDATION

The Chief of Operations RECOMMENDS that Council:

1. Add to the Group Manager Assets and Infrastructure delegations the following:

Section 342(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1974 - To close any road on a temporary basis.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 To allow for the repair of roads and infrastructure it is necessary for both worker and public safety and for the efficient and cost-effective undertaking of this work for the road to be temporarily closed.
- 2.2 The closure of roads is allowed for under section 342(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1974. This section is presented below:

342 Stopping and closing of roads

(1) The council may, in the manner provided in schedule 10

(a) stop any road or part thereof in the district: provided that the council shall not proceed to stop any road or part thereof in a rural area unless the prior consent of the Minister of Lands has been obtained; or

(b) close any road to traffic or any specified type of traffic (including pedestrian traffic) on a temporary basis in accordance with that schedule and impose or permit the imposition of charges as provided for in that schedule.

- 2.3 Currently there is no delegation to a Council officer to close a road on a temporary basis.
- 2.4 In this regard a report would have to be brought to Council for each case it was required to close a road for infrastructure or roading works. This will produce delays in the process for something that is an operational matter.
- 2.5 Therefore, it is requested that the Council add to the Group Manager Assets and Infrastructure delegations the following

What are the key benefits?

- 2.6 To allow for the repair of roads and infrastructure it is necessary for both worker and public safety and for the efficient and cost-effective undertaking of this work for the road to be temporarily closed.

What is the cost?

- 2.7 No cost.

3. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 3.1 In accordance with the Council's Risk Management Policy the inherent risks associated with this matter are:

Human	Financial	Regulatory
Low	Low	High
Operations	Employees	Image & Reputation
High	Low	Low

Confirmation of statutory compliance

In accordance with section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002, this report is approved as:

- a. containing sufficient information about the options and their benefits and costs, bearing in mind the significance of the decisions; and,
- b. is based on adequate knowledge about, and adequate consideration of, the views and preferences of affected and interested parties bearing in mind the significance of the decision.